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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 were pending in the application. As described further below, independent claim 1 is being amended to recite that the coating comprises an oxide, hydrous oxide, hydroxide, or organic salt of at least one metal other than barium and titanium. The amendment is supported in the specification, for example, at page 8, lines 10-13. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-9 and 11-20 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the finding in the Office Action that claims 5-9, 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 11-17 and 20

Claims 1, 2, 11-17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 4,764,493 (Lilley).

Without acceding to the correctness of this rejection, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to further prosecution of this application. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the coating comprises an oxide, hydrous oxide, hydroxide, or organic acid salt of at least one metal other than barium and titanium. Lilley fails to teach or suggest the claimed method which includes the step of forming a coating that comprises an oxide, hydrous oxide, hydroxide, or organic acid salt of a metal other than barium and titanium (See Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance). Therefore, independent claim 1, and its dependent claims, are patentable over Lilley.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claim rejections on this ground.

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Rejection of Claims 1-4, 17 and 20

Claims 1-4, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by statements in the present application regarding prior art processes.

Without acceding to the correctness of this rejection, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to further prosecution of this application. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the coating comprises an oxide, hydrous oxide, hydroxide, or organic acid salt of at least one metal other than barium and titanium. There are no statements in the present application regarding prior art processes that teach or suggest the claimed method which includes the step of forming a coating that comprises an oxide, hydrous oxide, hydroxide, or organic acid salt of a metal other than barium and titanium. Therefore, independent claim 1, and its dependent claims, are patentable in view of statements in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claim rejections on this ground.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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